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1. Rhodesia

London is going to send a Royal Air Force reconnaissance squadron to Zambia shortly.

Zambian President Kaunda asked for British troops as a means to deflect offers of military help from various radical African states. Wilson can probably carry the Tories with him on such a token force.

The Smith regime presumably will not consider the presence of British aircraft in Zambia so provocative as to call for economic sanctions against Zambia.

2. Congo

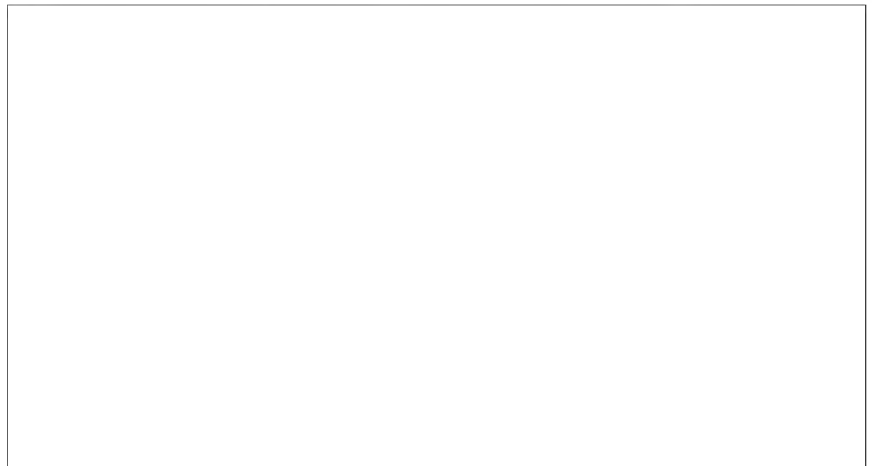
Mobutu quite obviously means to keep the politicians under tight rein.

The new cabinet, installed Saturday, is fairly competent by Congolese standards, but few of the new ministers can boast an independent political base. Those that can are either trusted allies of Mobutu or relegated, like Nendaka, to unimportant posts.

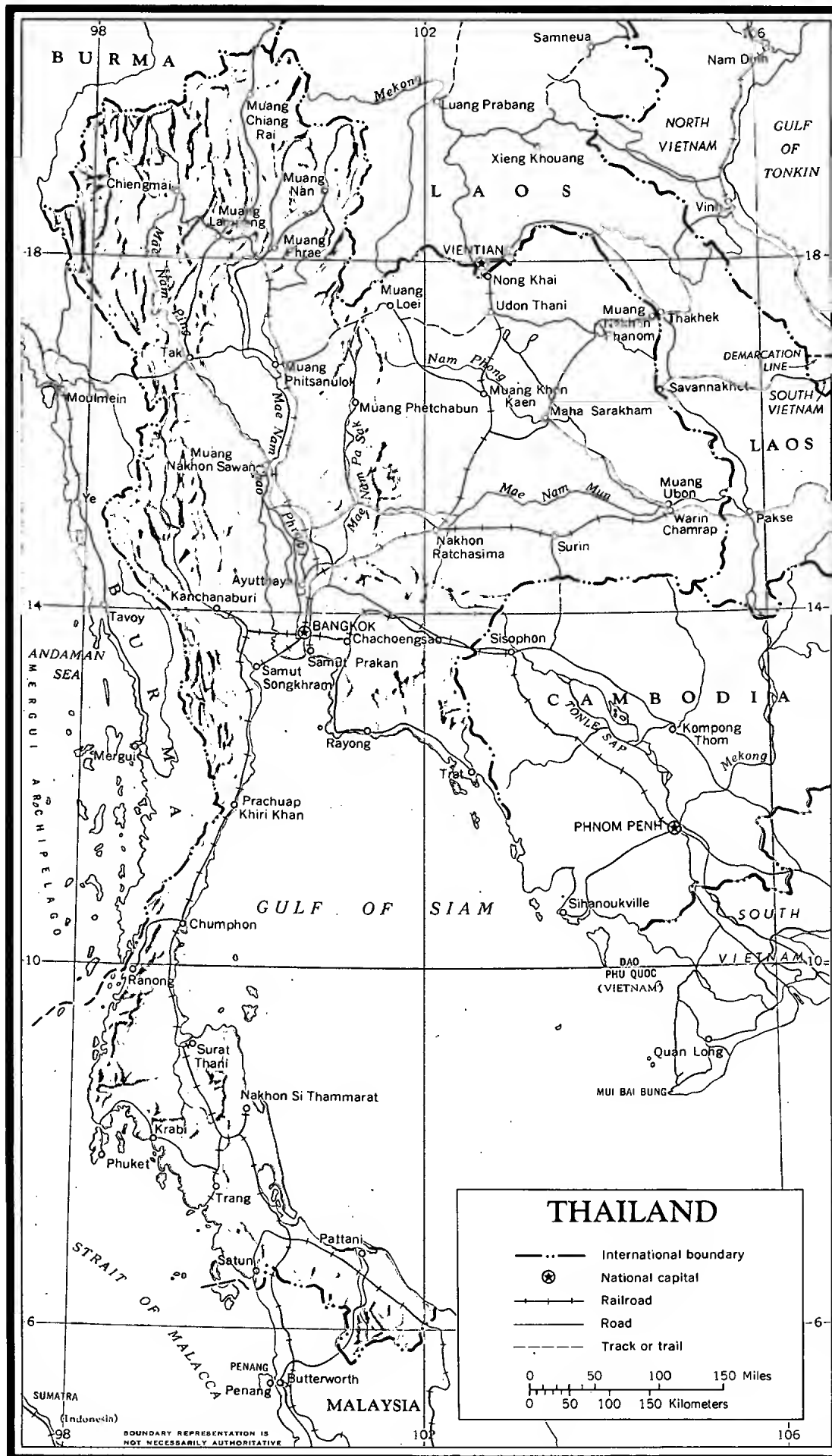
Just to make sure, Mobutu is assigning each minister a military "aide." He has also kept direction of all security matters, including the army, in his own hands.

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3. Communist China



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4. Indonesia

Prices rose sharply last week. Rice went up 50 percent. The army leaders will probably get some of the blame for this, although Sukarno's action in announcing large bonuses for all government workers doubtless added to inflationary pressures.

The army has set up a high-level group to try to bring some order to the current economic chaos, but many years of mismanagement cannot be put right quickly enough to relieve the present pressures on the army.

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5. Thailand

A group of 15 Communist subversives last Saturday ambushed a government patrol sent to investigate reports of a guerrilla training camp in the jungles of northeastern Thailand.

6. Vietnam

There has been no significant contact with the Viet Cong units which annihilated two South Vietnamese battalions operating some 40 miles northwest of Saigon last week. US and South Vietnamese reinforcements have moved into this area.

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7. Pakistan

Bhutto has been losing ground lately, largely for having championed courses of action on Kashmir which have turned out badly for Pakistan. There are, however, a considerable number of Pakistanis who share his views.

8. Dominican Republic

Former president Balaguer has in effect opened his campaign for the election late next spring. In Balaguer's eyes the current "political truce" extends only to mass rallies and partisan attacks on the provisional government.

This weekend he addressed a crowd of 15,000 in a Santiago ball park, and his followers are well launched on a countryside party organizational effort. He has clearly stolen a march on his opposition.

9. Chile

President Frei is moving to end the copper strike by including in pending legislation many of the economic and social benefits sought by the workers. The unions have not yet responded, but he has now given them a face-saving way out. The month-long strike has cost an estimated 52,000 tons in lost production.

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